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Letter dated 1 August 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to write to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Islamic Group at the United Nations and to inform you that the Group convened an urgent meeting, at the ambassadorial level, on 27 July 2000 to discuss the latest developments in Indonesia, in particular in the country's Moluccas Province.

The Islamic Group was briefed by the Permanent Representative of Indonesia about the situation in the above-mentioned province and of the measures taken by the Government of Indonesia towards resolving the issue. At the end of the meeting the Group adopted a statement on the issue, the text of which is contained in the annex to the present letter.

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could kindly be circulated as an official document of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 84.

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Statement of the Islamic Group at the United Nations

1. An urgent meeting of the Islamic Group at the United Nations was convened on 27 July 2000 at United Nations Headquarters to discuss the situation in Indonesia, particularly the recent developments in the Moluccas, in the light of the interest and concerns expressed by certain quarters of the international community.

2. The Group was briefed by the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations. This briefing proved useful, as it provided an opportunity to inform member and observer States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference of the prevailing reality of the situation.

3. Accordingly, the Islamic Group:

(a) Reiterated its firm stand and continuing support for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and national unity of the Republic of Indonesia;

(b) Supported the determination of and measures taken by the Government of Indonesia to address the internal situation, which has shown positive developments towards achieving a solution;

(c) Reaffirmed that the internal problem in the Moluccas constitutes entirely a domestic matter of the Government of Indonesia and that, therefore, any form of foreign intervention would be totally unacceptable, as it would be in contravention of well-established principles governing relations among States;

(d) Considered that any foreign intervention and interference would not only be an infringement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and national unity of the Republic of Indonesia, but would also complicate the resolution of the problem;

(e) Considered also that any efforts by certain quarters leading towards foreign intervention and interference in the internal matters of a sovereign State would be contradictory to the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Article 2, paragraph 7, and of international law;

(f) Decided to remain actively seized of the matter until such time as it ceases to be of concern to Indonesia.

New York, 27 July 2000